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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/474,435
Filed: December 28, 1999
Title: *Arabidopsis thaliana* Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof
Applicants: CAO *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.044

Sir:

Please provide us with the status of the above-referenced patent application. It has been over 30 months since this application was filed and Applicants have not yet received an Office Action.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of this letter and return it to our courier.

Very truly yours,

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